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AN EUROPEAN Non RESIDENT or  
AN INDIAN desiring to leave the  
Colony should apply in person at the  
Central Police Station between the hours  
of 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 4 P.M.  
daily.

Applicants will be required to produce  
Passports or Identification papers. All  
persons, with certain exceptions, who  
remain in the Colony for more than  
7 days are required to Register them  
selves under the REGISTRATION OF  
PERSONS ORDINANCE 1918. Forms of  
Registration giving the particulars  
required may be obtained at the G.P.O.  
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COMPANY, LTD.,  
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THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS  
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TOTAL Funds at Sept. DECEMBER, 1914,  
£23,970,567  
I-Authorised Capital £6,000,000.  
Paid-in Capital £2,600,000.  
Funds £2,457,500  
II-Vote Funds 3,837,047  
III-Life & Annuity Funds 17,567,590  
"Sinking Fund Account 128,230  
£23,970,567

Revenue Fire Branch £2,361,458  
Life and Annuity 2,141,583  
Branches 337,230  
Revenue Marine Department 478,946  
Other Receipts 55,332,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various  
Branches are separately invested, and, by  
Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet  
the claims under the respective Depart-  
ments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Agents.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY  
LIMITED.

## TIME TABLE

### WEEK DAYS

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m... Every 15 minutes.  
7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m... Every 10 minutes.  
8.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m... Every 15 minutes.  
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m... Every 15 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m... Every 30 minutes.  
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m... Every 10 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m... Every 10 minutes.  
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m... Saturdays only. Every 15 minutes.  
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m... Every 10 minutes.  
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m... Saturdays only. Every 15 minutes.  
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m... Every 15 minutes.  
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7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m... Every 10 minutes.  
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10.45 p.m. to 11.00 a.m... Every 10 minutes.  
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6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m... Every 10 minutes.  
7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m... Every 15 minutes.

### NIGHT CARS

8.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m... 11 p.m.  
11.30 p.m. and 1.45 a.m.

### SUNDAYS

7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m... Every 15 minutes.  
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m... Every 10 minutes.  
11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon... Every 15 minutes.  
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6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m... Every 10 minutes.  
7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m... Every 15 minutes.

### NIGHT CARS

SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.  
1.30 p.m. and 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS arrangement at the  
Company's Office, Alexandra Building,  
Des Voeux Road Central.  
General and private tickets available for  
all cars, always full running at the  
times named in the Company's time tables,  
but not for "special cars" which can be obtained  
on application at the Company's Office.  
No general ticket will be issued in Bank  
Notes. Any Cheque or Comprador order  
representing Bank Notes.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

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### HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

Sailings.—To Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sundays excepted) and 10 p.m.

From Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sundays excepted) and 4 p.m.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

### HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

Sailings.—S.S. "SUI AN" to Macao daily at 8 a.m. (Sundays 8 a.m.)

"S.S. "SUI TAI" to Macao daily at 2 p.m. (Sundays excepted)

S.S. "SUI AN" from Macao daily at 2 p.m. (Sundays 3 p.m.)

S.S. "SUI TAI" from Macao daily at 7.30 a.m. (Sundays excepted)

Further information may be obtained at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Hotel Mansions,

or from Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON, Booking Agents, Hongkong.

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## INTIMATIONS

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK  
GUILD.  
HONGKONG BRANCH.

A MEETING of the GUILD will be held in the CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY, October the 2nd, at 10 o'clock. All women interested in the work of the Guild are invited to attend.

Alice D. HICKLING,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, Sept. 28, 1918. 780

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 10 Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY the 6th day of October, 1918, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th September to 5th October, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
M. MANUK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1918. 780

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company to be held on TUESDAY the 18th day of October, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Limited, No. 6, Pedder Street, Hongkong, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming as a Special Resolution the Resolution set out underneath which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 18th day of September, 1918.

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof".

Dated the 20th day of Sept., 1918.  
By Order of the Directors,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices at Noon on SATURDAY the 18th of October, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 19th of October, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1918. 780

## INTIMATIONS

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.  
ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS,

will be held on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday, 5th October.

Commencing on Thursday and Friday at 4.30 P.M. and on Saturday at 3.30 P.M.

Admission: Members 50 cents each day or \$1.00 for 3 days.

Non-members, \$1.00 each day or

\$2.00 for 3 days.

Sailors, Soldiers, and Children

25 cents each day.

Hand in Applications on Saturday.

N.B.—Sailors, Soldiers and Boys

Handicaps events will be open entries.

Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1918. 781

PROPAGANDA BY CINEMATOGRAPH.

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C/o "CHINA MAIL" Office

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1918. 780

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All sorts of  
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Hongkong, March 20, 1914.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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COULOMMIER CHEESE.

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Nourishing and ideal food

DEVONSHIRE CREAM

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ALL KING SIZE TRAMS Pass Entrance,  
Electric Lites, Fans and Lighting,  
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LETTER.

LENGTH 20 ft. beam 7 ft. depth  
3 ft. cylinder by B.H.P. Direct  
Cude oil engine; cheap to run, just  
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Liquidators  
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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(for account of the concerned),

on

**WEDNESDAY,**  
the 2nd October, 1918, at 11 a.m.,  
at their Sale Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A QUANTITY OF

DRESS MATERIAL &c.  
As follows:—

Blue and White Serge, Alpach (various  
Colours), Flannel and Flannelette, An  
Assortment of Coloured Prints, White  
Blankets, Counterpanes, Handkerchiefs,  
&c., Toilet Soap, Perfumery,  
&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

Sundry Lots of LINEN GOODS.  
TERMS.—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 17, 1918. 57

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KAISHA, LTD.  
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COAL, GENERAL IMPORTS and  
EXPORTS.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF

TAKASHIMA, OCHI, MUTARE,  
KISHIDAKE, YOSHINOTANI,  
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SEINNEN, KAMIYAMADA, BIBAI,  
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Agency for:—THE OSAKA MARINE  
& FIRE INSURANCE CO.,  
LTD. OSAKA.

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S. SAYEKI, Manager.  
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FRENCH LESSONS  
G. MOUSSON.

15, Morrison Hill Road.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
(for account of the concerned).

on

**FRIDAY,**  
the 4th October, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sale Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Voeux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

Removed to Sales Rooms for Convenience

of Sale

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MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.

TERMS.—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1918. 792

French Lessons

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15, Morrison Hill Road.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

THERAPION NO. 1

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NO. 1 for Bladder Calculi, NO. 2 for Blood &amp;

Skin Disease, NO. 3 for Cervical &amp; Uterine

Diseases, NO. 4 for Rheumatism, NO. 5 for

Sore Throat, NO. 6 for Ulcerative &amp; Gastro-enteritis

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A. TACK & CO.,  
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, October 1, 1918.

## THE WAR SITUATION.

THREE months ago the most optimistic among us could hardly have hoped for so much progress on the Western Front as the Allied armies, under the strategic direction of Marshal Foch, have happily achieved. Since the Allied counter-offensive began on July 18th we have gained many hundreds of square miles in France and Flanders, we have taken something like a quarter of a million prisoners, guns running into the thousands, and vast quantities of valuable war material which the enemy at this stage of the war can ill afford to lose. Belgian, British, French and American armies continue daily to bite well into the "impregnable" German lines along an active fighting front extending over seventy miles. The simultaneous operations in the Balkans have brought Bulgaria to her knees, while the grand operations in Palestine must have brought Turkey also to a framed of mind to follow Bulgaria's lead. "Do the Entente peoples still believe in a victory by arms?" sneeringly asked the President of the Prussian Upper House in a speech at the conclusion of the session in July. He is no doubt realising to-day that the Entente peoples were not without good grounds for the confidence in ultimate victory which they have maintained throughout the war, in times of adversity no less than in the flush of great local successes. The President of the Prussian Upper House can hardly be so sure to-day that the American reserves have "come too late" and that it can no longer be hoped that they will decide the war. The President's boastful utterance closed with the words: "Prince von Bülow's saying must be made to prevail, namely, the King first in Prussia, Prussia first in Germany, and Germany first in the world." There is every probability that by the time the war is ended a situation will have been created in Germany very different from Prince von Bülow's conception. The Germans to-day, we cannot doubt, have a very different opinion of Marshal Foch's merits than they have had hitherto, and above all, a very different view of the strength, efficiency and the unity of that parti-coloured army of different nationalities which Marshal Foch has the great honour to command, but which the Germans have counted upon, proving an impossible combination, assuming international jealousies where none exist.

THE CHINA MAIL.

## NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.  
Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communication addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication but as evidence of good faith.

All matter for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.  
Rate of subscription to "The China Mail" is \$30 per annum; per quarter and per month "pro rata".

The "China Mail" is delivered free to subscribers in Hongkong and Kowloon.  
Postage is charged at the rate of fifty cents per month.

Orders for extra copies of the "China Mail" should be sent as soon as possible as supply is limited. Cash 10 cts. Credit 20 cts per copy.

Rate of subscription to the "Overland China Mail" is \$12 per annum; postage \$1 per annum; single copies twenty cents each.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on page 2, 3, 4, and 7 should be sent to the Office, 26, Des Voeux Street, not later than 11.30 A.M.

Alterations and additions to Advertisements on page 1, 4, 5 and 6 should be sent not later than 1 p.m.

New Advertisements should be sent in before 2 p.m.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered to a fixed period will be withheld until unclaimed.

Telegraphic Address: "MAIL," Hongkong.  
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THE CHINA MAIL LIMITED.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

Diphtheria is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered.

Mr. Chamberlain's Cough Syrup and they will not have to go out to the shop. It also cleans out the croupy beds which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases.

For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Typhoid fever and diphtheria are stated to be very common in Canton just now, especially in the Western suburb.

The Manila Observatory this morning reported the Typhoon to be in about 12° Long. E. and 18° Lat. N., moving N.

During the 48 hours ended yesterday 3 cases of cerebro spinal fever (two fatal) were reported in the Colony, and one fatal case of enteric fever.

The total output of the Kallian Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 14th September amounted to 66,552 tons and the sales during the period to 53,600 tons.

The principal Chinese shop in the Colony have been closed to-day and the Chinese flag has been much in evidence in the streets. The occasion is the birthday anniversary of Confucius.

In the cases dealt with by the Military Service Tribunal too late for our last night's issue, Mr. G. Blair, of Messrs. Martini & Co., was granted further exemption for three months; and Mr. A. Leach of the Vacuum Oil Co. was granted total exemption.

Exchange has dropped three times to day—first, £1d., then 1d. and then another 1d.—total of 2d., and closed weak this afternoon at 3s. 5d./sd. on demand. We understand that this is due to something like a panic among Chinese speculators in Shanghai where the rate has fallen 3d. to day.

Work has now been commenced at the Race Course at Happy Valley on the construction of the new stands for spectators. These are to be erected on the East side of Wong Nei Cheong Road, near the main entrance to the Jockey Club premises. The building, which will be two storeys in height, will contain 16 stands and there will be accommodation on the flat roof. Emergency staircases will be provided to each stand. The entire structure will be built of brick and reinforced concrete, and when completed will be rather an imposing addition to the buildings in this popular district. The Architects for the work are Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

## THE GENERAL MILITARY SERVICE TRIBUNAL.

## TO-MORROW'S MEETING

The Agenda for Wednesday, at 3.30 p.m. is as follows:

Consideration of temporary exemptions granted to the following:

3.30 p.m.—Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Hongkong and China Gas Co.

3.30 p.m.—Mr. F. W. Evans, Messrs. Caldbeck, Maegregor & Co.

4.10 p.m.—Mr. D. Ritchie, Internationals Banking Corporation.

4.30 p.m.—Mr. A. E. Scott (Schulz), Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Mathews.

4.50 p.m.—Mr. E. W. White, Messrs. Wm. Powell, Ltd.

5.10 p.m.—Mr. N. L. Raitton, Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.

## A CHINESE ELECTROCUTED.

## JURY'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the inquest yesterday into the death of a Chinese who was electrocuted at Hung Hom on August 24th by coming in contact with an electric wire of 2,200 voltage whilst engaged on some building operations, the jury (Messrs. G. E. d'Anquin, J. Ferguson and J. M. G. Persica) brought in a verdict of "death by misadventure." They found that the China Light and Power Company had complied with all the Regulations and were not responsible for the mishap. They recommended that in future no scaffolding should be erected close to live electric wires, and that before the erection of a scaffolding, notice should be given by the Public Works Department to the Company.

## LADY MAY'S ROSE FUND.

## LIST No. 3.

Already acknowledged..... \$820

C. Thorne, Esq. .... 50

Mr. Soames ..... 10

..... \$830

## AN AID TO DIGESTION.

WHEN you have a fullness and weight in the stomach after eating you may know that you have eaten too much and should take some Chamberlain's Tablets to aid your digestion. Formed by all Chemists and druggists.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## THE CHINA BORNEO CO., LTD.

On extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held this morning, at the office of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Company, at 11.30 for the purpose of confirming a Resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting held on Sept. 13.

Mr. A. G. Lang presided, and there were present Mr. H. J. Gedge, Solicitor to the Company, Mr. H. W. B. Kennett, (Manager) and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, O. Baptista, L. W. Sang, A. W. Smith and O. I. Ellis.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, This is purely a formal meeting to confirm the resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 13th September in connection with new Articles of Association. I have now to propose, and will ask Mr. M. S. Northcote to second, the following resolution:—

That the new articles already approved by this meeting, and for the purpose of identification thereof subscribed by the Chairman thereto, be and the same are hereby approved, and that such Articles be and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all existing Articles thereof.

Mr. M. S. NORTHCOTE duly seconded and the motion was carried.

That terminated the business of the meeting.

## FUNERAL OF MR. F. A. BIDEN.

The funeral of the late Mr. F. A. Biden, whose death on Sunday evening created a painful sensation in the Colony, took place at the cemetery at Happy Valley last evening with full military honours. The deceased having been a Company Sergeant-Major in the Defence Corps. There was a large attendance of members of the Corps, under the command of Captain G. E. Stewart, and a number of other friends.

The coffin was borne to the cemetery on a gun carriage draped with the Union Jack, being preceded by a firing party consisting of 26 men of the Artillery Company, and followed by the Band of the 1st Indian Infantry Regiment playing Chopin's "Funeral March." Immediately behind the coffin followed his colleagues of the Public Works Department, headed by the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, the Acting Director. Among others present were Mr. P. P. J. Wadehouse, A. D. C. (representing H.E. the Officer Administering the Government), the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Acting Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Mr. A. Gibson (Head of the Sanitary Department), Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. A. Chapman, Mr. E. D. Lindsell, Mr. H. A. Taylor, and many others.

The burial service was conducted by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral, and at the close three volleys were fired over the grave and the "Last Post" sounded.

There was a great profusion of floral tributes which included wreaths sent by the Water Works staff, P.W.D.; officers of the P.W.D.; native foremen and fitters, Water Works Dept., P.W.D.; office messengers, Water Works Department, R.A.M.C. Sergeants' mess; right half Artillery Co., H.K.D.C.; left half Artillery Co., H.K.D.C.; Officers' mess, H.K.D.C.; Garrison Sergeants' mess; W.O.'s, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants, 88th C.; Perseverance Lodge; Victoria Lodge; Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co.; Mr. C. L. Chatham; Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Mr. W. A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parker, Mrs. and Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, Mr. P. T. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Campbell, Mr. E. G. Smith, Mr. F. S. Thompson, Mr. R. Kennedy, Dr. and Mrs. Smalley, Capt. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. C. Edgcumbe, Mr. D. E. Donnelly, Mr. W. G. FitzGibbon, Messrs. Leesman and W. Clark, Messrs. J. H. Setch and H. Percy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Duton, Mr. P. W. Goldring, Mr. A. David, and Inspector Sim.

Mr. F. A. Biden, who was an associate member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, was just on 41 years of age. He was an old Dulwich schoolboy and received his training as an engineer in England. He came to Hongkong in 1904 from Trinidad where he had been an Assistant Engineer of Waterworks, and after serving here for some years was promoted to the rank of an Executive Engineer. He was married in Hongkong in 1906, and went on a wedding trip to Australia. On the return voyage to Hongkong his wife died of cancer and from this great blow he never fully recovered. His own health at one time had been far from satisfactory, and he had only recently, in fact, come out of a hospital where he had been under treatment for kidney trouble, we understand. He was greatly helped by all who knew him and his premature death is widely regretted.

Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the defendant.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## ACTIVE BATTLE LINE OF 70 MILES.

## THIRD SUCCESSIVE BLOW ON GERMAN FRONT.

PARIS, Sept. 30.

A Havas message says: "The Belgian Army attacked the German positions on a front of over 12 miles from below Ypres to the north of the Forest of Houttuist. They advanced five miles, and took several thousands of prisoners."

The new blow was the third struck on the German front within three days.

The third active battle line is now 70 miles. The Germans everywhere suffered enormous casualties. By Friday night over 28,000 prisoners had been taken.

The British attack west of Cambrai was inconsequent success. The system of fortifications east of Cambrai was burst through. The crossing of the Nord Canal was one of the greatest engineering and military feats of the war.

General Maunin came again into action in the Aisne. The pressure of the French troops on the enemy compelled him to give new ground on the western end south of Chantilly-les-Dunes.

"Eyes" of Argonne, the Americans fought hard, their initial thrust developing successfully, 20 towns and enormous booty being captured.

## ATTACK BY BRITISH FOURTH ARMY.

## PROCEEDED BY LONG BOMBARDMENT.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:

This morning's attack by the Fourth Army did not surprise the enemy, being preceded by a 48-hour bombardment.

A large force of Americans advanced. The first waves, with a big concourse of tanks moved forward mainly on a 6,000-yard front, south of Vendhuile. The weather is fine with a light mist. The Americans, using Vendhuile Gap as a bridge, stormed forward, deploying like a fan.

The British division crossed the waterway in magnificent style, many of the men swimming under heavy machine-gun fire, and entered the village of Bellenghem.

The first phase ended at 9 o'clock. After a pause, a dramatic incident marked the resumption of attack. The Americans opened their ranks, while the Australians, who had been moving up in support, swept through and formed the first wave. They renewed the attack amid a storm of cheering.

Hard fighting occurred at many places, where the Germans had established redoubts of extraordinary strength, and strong positions southwest of Cambrai were attacked dashingly by the New Zealanders, who drove in a wedge into the enemy line and took 1,000 prisoners.

The Canadians early in the morning were approaching Bapaume and were due north of the town astride important communications.

As the morning advanced it became clear that the battle was developing into a fine victory. Le Catelet, the key position on the whole sector from Bellicourt to Bapaume, was captured by 12 o'clock.

We are astride the St. Quentin-Cambrai railway at many places, seriously restricting the enemy's communications.

Important fortified villages were carried in rapid succession. La Vacquerie, Nauroy, Bony and Villers-Carbonnel were taken early in the day.

The Belgians further north entered and recaptured Hollebeek, and now hold the entire Poosebeke and Paschendaele system.

In the line of the Second Army, the morning ran near Zonne-Verschueren and Zonnevoorde, through Houthem to the Meuse ridge.

Thus far we have taken

## BRITISH AVIATORS CO-OPERATE IN BATTLE.

## 25 MACHINES DESTROYED.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says: "Our aeroplanes co-operated in every phase of Saturday's operations.

Our patrols, reconnoitring in the rear of the German lines in the day and at night, reported the trend of the enemy movements.

Bombs were dropped and machine-guns fired from an extremely low height on enemy troops, transport, trains and gun teams. Heavy casualties were inflicted.

Twenty-two machines were destroyed during the day and three were driven down out of control. Twenty-four of our machines are missing.

We dropped 22 tons of bombs in the day and 34 tons at night, many machines continuing their attacks almost until dawn.

All our night-fliers returned!

## A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

A wireless German evening report states:

"There were fresh engagements east of Ypres and tremendous fighting between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the English assault failing on the whole front.

Violent French and American attacks in Champagne and between Argonne and the Meuse were repulsed, except for local breaches on both sides of Ardenne.

## DEVONSHIRE BATTALION'S UNGRUDGING SACRIFICE.

## STIRRING TRIBUTE BY A FRENCH COMMANDER.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig quotes the following "Order of the Day" issued to the Fifth French Army on August 29th:

"On May 27th when the British trenches were subjected to fierce attacks, the Second Battalion of the Devonshires repelled successive assaults with gallantry and determination, and maintained an unbroken front till a late hour. Their staunchness permitted the organisation of the defences south of a certain town until its occupation by reinforcements was completed. Inspired by the sangfroid of their gallant Commander in face of an intense bombardment, the few survivors, isolated without hope or assistance, held on to the trenches north of the river and fought to the last with unflinching obedience to orders. Thus the whole battalion, numbering a Colonel, 28 officers and 572 non-commissioned officers and men, responded with one accord and offered their lives in ungrudging sacrifice for the sacred cause."

"On June 6th the progress of a heavy enemy attack seriously threatened the right flank of a British brigade whereupon at first the Fourth Battalion of the Shropshire Light Infantry, which were in reserve, were ordered to counter-attack the position whence their comrades had been ejected. With magnificent dash the Battalion rushed to the hill on which the enemy was established, inflicting heavy losses on him and capturing, in hand-to-hand fighting, an officer and 28 men. Thanks to this gallant and spirited recapture of the key to the whole defensive position, the line was competently restored. The dash, energy and intrepidity with which on this memorable occasion the Battalion carried all before it were largely responsible for the retrieval temporarily of a critical situation."

## THE FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE.

## TWENTY ENEMY DIVISIONS ATTACK.

AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN TIME FOR RETREAT.

PARIS, Sept. 30.

A semi-official report issued on the evening of the 29th states:

The Germans launched over ten fresh divisions against General Gouraud in Champagne yesterday without causing him to give ground.

In three days fighting no fewer than 20 German divisions were counted in this sector.

Apparently the German resistance in Champagne is intended to gain time before a further retreat.

## FURIOUS FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE.

## GERMAN DIVISIONS REDUCED TO HANDFUL OF MEN.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says: "The Germans in Champagne are opposing the French with desperate energy and are clinging determinedly to the ridges north of the Py and Dormoise. Ten fresh enemy divisions have been identified.

The Germans are fighting with undiminished bravery and tenacity. In some cases German divisions were captured when only a handful of men were left of them.

Long waves of German counter-attacks did not succeed in winning back an inch of ground. We captured the important height of Mont Curvelot, west of Bouconville.

## AMERICAN FRONT DETERMINED ENEMY RESISTANCE.

## GERMANS BRING RESERVES FROM OTHER FRONTS.

LONDON, Sept. 30.

"An American communiqué states: 'We continued to meet with determined enemy resistance.'

The Germans were forced to bring up divisions from other parts of the front.

We repulsed heavy counter-attacks between Clermont and the Aisne Valley.

## BELGIANS EXCITED BY KING ALBERT.

PARIS, Sept. 29.

Before the Belgian attack, King Albert issued an "Order of the Day" to the troops, in which he says:

"Side by side with our heroic British and French comrades it is for you to hurl back the invader who has been oppressing your brothers for over four years. The hour is decisive. Everywhere Germany is falling back. Forward, for Right and Liberty and for glorious and immortal Belgium!"

## THE FLANDERS LINE.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

The line in Flanders runs through the eastern edge of Ploegsteert Wood, thence to Messines, south of Bevelaere and Passechendaele, west of Roosbeke and the eastern edge of Houthulst Forest, Woumen, Clercken and Dixmude.

## INFLUENZA IN GERMANY ARMY.

190,000 CASES.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 30.

In the Main Committee of the Reichstag, replying to Socialist enquiry about influenza in the army and the poor stamina of the recruits, Surgeon-General von Schultzen admitted there were 180,000 cases of influenza, a portion of them being serious. He denied that the recruits were suffering from inadequate nourishment.

The explanations failed to convince the Socialists and Progressives, who also criticised the technical backwardness of the War Ministry, especially in the matter of the tanks.

## SENSATIONAL ESCAPE OF EX-MINISTER OF WAR.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 30.

The Russian ex-Ministry of War, M. Sukhomlinoff, made a sensational escape from Russia by swimming a river on the Russo-Finnish frontier at night.

## WORLD-FAMOUS IMAGE STOLEN.

## SENSATION IN A CHURCH.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

A message from Moscow states that during a service a robber snatched the world-famed image of "Our Lady of Kazan," covered with jewels of a fabulous value, from the priest's horn; he shot with a revolver, severely wounding him. The robber escaped with the booty during the ensuing panic.

## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR DELIVERY OF HOLY LAND.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Special services of thanksgiving for the deliverance of the Holy Land from the Turk were held in London today.

## BULGARIA AND PEACE.

## BULGARIA'S REQUEST FOR AN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Bulgarian envoys at Salonica

on the evening of the 28th to discuss the conditions of an armistice.

General Desperey receives them to-day.

## GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

## GERMANY'S MOST SERIOUS HOUR HAS STRUCK.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, referring to Bulgaria's request for an armistice, says: "It is useless to gloat over this. If the sentinel at the important side gate deserts his post and allows the enemy to enter, this creates a serious situation for the defence front wall."

The *Lokal-Anzeiger* says: "Germany's most serious hour appears to have struck."

## COUNT HERTLING AT HEADQUARTERS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

Count Hertling has gone to Headquarters.

## NO CHANGE OF AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN ATTITUDE.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

The Premier, M. Habsburg, has informed the Pressmen that reports of a change of the Austro-Hungarian attitude are absolutely unfounded.

## THE BALKANS.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

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## AUSTRIA DISCUSSES EVENTS IN BULGARIA.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

A message from Vienna says a Crown Council was held on the 28th with the Emperor, Karl presiding to discuss the events in Bulgaria.

## CLOSED DOORS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

Admiral von Hintze, speaking to the possibility of the collapse of the German defence of the Western Front, concludes: "The hour has arrived to speak plainly. It is no longer a question of conquest, but of attaining peace without unbearable burdens. The Government must do its utmost to come to the Conference table as speedily as possible."

The *Neue Freie Presse* says: "Austria has taken measures to insure reinforcements reaching the Bulgarians at the earliest and declares that the retreating Bulgarians are getting into touch with the Austrians. Albania has been removed from the control of the Bulgarian Command." The journal assumes that a new front will be established ensuring the Eastern communications of the Central Powers.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, Vienna Correspondent says: "As a result of the alarming news from Bulgaria, Premier Husarek summoned the party leaders and discussed the advisability of convoking the Reichsrath. It is rumoured that Premier Husarek has been ordered to form a Coalition Ministry. The Hungarian Premier has arrived in Vienna."

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The Serbians progressed north and northeast of Velik and Koschina and reached the Bulgarian frontier in the direction of Asumamovo and Kustendil.

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## LABOUR'S ELECTORAL POLICY.

### WHY THE PARTY TRUCE WAS TERMINATED.

(By THE RT. HON. ARTHUR HENDERSON, M.P.)

Echos of the debates upon the Labour party's policy of reconstruction at the recent annual conference continue to reverberate in the Press. The interest taken in the doings of that conference, and the amount of speculative comment it has evoked are a measure of the importance attached to the new developments within the Labour party. Apart altogether from the question of electoral policy, it is now generally recognised that the challenge of the Labour party to the historic parties is much too direct to be ignored. Its general social policy will henceforth be a cardinal factor in the political situation. It will be a prominent issue at the General Election.

The most skillful electioneering tactics on the part of the leaders of the orthodox parties cannot prevent the discussion of the Labour party's reconstruction proposals. The fact that so considerable a number of Labour candidates will be in the field, pledged to these bold and uncompromising schemes, cannot fail to influence the mind of the electorate. Attempts will certainly be made, if a General Election is held before the treaty of peace is signed, to make war policy the overriding issue of the contest. That issue the Labour party is ready to face.

But it is, in my judgment, a profound mistake to imagine that the question of war aims will be the sole preoccupation of the electors. Question of domestic after-war policy will inevitably loom large in the very foreground of discussion; and it is true, as has been suggested, that the Labour party will have to face the question of war policy in that election. But it is, in my judgment, a profound mistake to imagine that the question of war aims will be the sole preoccupation of the electors. Question of domestic after-war policy will inevitably loom large in the very foreground of discussion; and it is true, as has been suggested, that the Labour party will have to face the question of war policy in that election.

This point is important, in view of the suggestion that the Labour party will be responsible for Parliamentary candidates of a very mixed kind. It is clearly laid down in the constitution of the party that it is the duty of the national executive, prior to every General Election, to define the principal issues for that election which in their judgment should be made the special party programme for that particular election campaign; and it is also true that the orthodox parties will not be able to escape the direct challenge of the Labour party in domestic politics for the establishment of a new social order.

LABOUR'S WARAIMS. Nor does the Labour party seek to evade a clear statement of its position in relation to the war. In this respect indeed, the Labour party has already set an example to the other parties by producing an explicit and detailed statement of the terms upon which it considers that peace could be made. No other party has yet taken this step. I am personally convinced that the publication of the Memorandum on War Aims served a useful purpose. It has answered by anticipation the charge that the Labour party is anti-national in spirit, and the most unscrupulous controversialist will not be able to say, even in a khaki election, that "a vote for the Labour party is a vote for Germany." It may be said, but it will not be believed. The electors will know how to estimate such a charge, having before them the document in which a policy of international peace founded on the principles of justice and right and sustained by a covenant between the nations has been formulated by the accredited representatives of the organised working-class movement. If reasoned argument and sober judgment prevail at the General Election, there can be no doubt about the verdict of the electorate, determined as it largely will be by great masses of votes which cannot be assigned to any party.

It is obvious, therefore, that no official candidate of the Labour party will be entitled to appeal to the electors on anything but the Labour party's programme. Whether on the right or the left wing of the organised movement, the party candidates will stand necessarily for the policy defined by the national executive. That body, in defining the party's electoral policy, will be guided by the decisions of the party's delegate assemblies, both in regard to international affairs and to domestic politics. These decisions happily are not in doubt. The reconstruction resolutions as accepted by the annual conference, and the memorandum on war aims put forward by the inter-Allied conference, furnish the Labour candidates with their mandate. The policy therein formulated, both in its international and its national aspects, is clear, simple, and definite. It leaves no room for ambiguity or equivocation in regard to the party's war policy. To this policy, the Labour candidates stand pledged, as they are to the party's reconstruction proposals, as the only reasonable alternative to the one hand to a policy of never-ending war, and on the other hand to a policy of immediate negotiations for peace with the militarist rulers of Germany. Only at each candidate definitely accepting this position is he entitled to the financial and moral support of the Labour party nationally and locally.

Much misunderstanding, however, still manifestly exists about the position of the Labour party in relation to the war. Many critics of the party, and not a few of its supporters, are anxious to know where the Labour candidates will stand at the General Election if war policy is the dominant issue. For this misunderstanding the decision of the annual conference to terminate the political truce is partly responsible, inasmuch as it was

interpreted to mean that the Labour party intended to declare war upon the Government and to take no further part in prosecuting the war. The resolution did not bear this meaning. It was not understood in this sense by the delegates at the conference, and it was for no such purpose that the national executive of the party decided to make the recommendation which was adopted by the conference with practically a two-to-one vote.

The decision was taken in order to clear away a troublesome confusion, and to enable the party executive to act constitutionally in dealing with by-elections as they arise from time to time. It does not mean that the Labour party has ceased to concern itself with the prosecution of the war. It means that the party wishes to act in harmony with the spirit and the letter of its own constitution, and to require its members and candidates to do the same.

A CLEAR ISSUE ON WAR POLICY. By its decision to terminate the party truce Labour is enabled to present a clear issue to the country in the matter of war policy and to bring all sections of the organised movement into line upon the issue. Is Labour to follow the lead of other parties, or is it going to carry out its own policy both in war and peace?

Are the Labour candidates to regard themselves as the interpreters and standard-bearers of the Government, or as spokesmen and protagonists of a definite Labour policy in the field of international affairs and of domestic politics? These questions have now been answered. The Labour party has placed itself in the position of being able to carry out its own constitution, both in defining electoral policy for its Parliamentary candidates, and in obtaining from all of them a loyal acceptance of the policy thus defined.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 6.)

THE GREAT BATTLE.  
BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB HOSTILE TROOPS.

## 31. MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—

Our aeroplanes on the 27th heavily bombard enemy troops and transport at the Canal du Nord crossing and on the roads. Many explosions and fires were observed on hostile battery positions as a result of our artillery fire.

A thousand photographs were taken. We effectively bombed several aerodromes and railway junctions, in addition to extensive bombing just behind the lines.

Thirty tons of bombs were dropped during the day and 18 tons at night.

We destroyed eight balloons and 23 aeroplanes, and drove down 2000 yards of control. Nineteen of our machines are missing.

## A NASTY SURPRISE FOR THE ENEMY.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters states:—

On Saturday morning the Canadians, after crossing the Nord Canal, expected heavy fighting, but were genuinely disengaged to find the Germans had bolted beyond effective rifle range.

Cambrai now lies at our feet and is dominated by field-guns.

The appearance of American infantry at the other end of the battle-field must have been a nasty surprise as the enemy could scarcely expect the "dough boys" far from the Woerpe.

Prisoners report the greatest confusion among the enemy reserves who are hopelessly scattered and mixed with other units. There is a continuous stream of enemy transport eastward also to the German lines. It is impossible yet to tell how far the latter is caused by our artillery.

Great masses of our troops rested at night in the capacious shelters of the Hindenburg system.

## FRENCH PURSUIT OF ENEMY CONTINUES.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

A French communiqué says:—

North of the Aisne, the pursuit was

continued during the night.

We occupied the forest of Pifion and reached Arletois in this region, and also advanced east of Chavigny.

On the Givet-en-Argonne front the enemy is resisting our advance.

In Champagne violent attacks launched by the enemy yesterday were broken and we resume our progress particularly north of Gravelin where we took possession of Belliere Heights.

## ENEMY FIGHTING WITH THE ENERGY OF DESPAIR.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters telegraphing at nine yesterday evening says:—

The whole enemy front from St. Quentin to Reims has become a salient, the bases of which are being vigorously attacked from both sides. On both wings the enemy is fighting with the energy of despair.

The enemy began to retreat on the front of the Laffaux-Malmison Plateau from which Chemin-des-Dames runs eastward to Craonne and touches Ailette.

As the result of General Mangin's advance yesterday the whole of Malmaison plateau and the western end of Chemin-des-Dames for about 1,500 yards are in our possession. The enemy is here, after fighting desperately for weeks to keep them abandoning the approaches to the massif of St. Gobain and Laon plateau, that is, the group of heights which for four years has formed the central pillar of his line in France. The strategy of Marshal Foch compels him, as it did on the Marne, to withdraw his centre before the Allies' attack north and east and has forced him to withdraw on the wings. This retreat is the first fruit of the French, British and American offensive of the last three days.

## KING ALBERT'S COMMAND.

PARIS, Sept. 29.

A despatch from the Belgian front says that King Albert commanded the Belgian and Second British Armies which attacked on a front of 13 miles between south of Ypres and Lake Blankenbergh.

After carrying the first German positions and Houthulst Forest, they assaulted in Flanders the hills forming the German position.

## THE ALLIED CAPTURES.

## 4,116,000 PRISONERS SINCE JULY 18.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Since July 18 the Allies have taken 4,116,000 prisoners, 3,000 guns, 10,000 machine-guns and huge quantities of material.

This does not include prisoners taken in Palestine, Mesopotamia and Macedonia.

## GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

A wireless German official message says:

British and Belgian troops attacked from southward of Dixmude as far as Wulverghem, captured our crater position and in places advanced into our artillery lines.

We held Wytschaete heights against repeated attacks.

We withdrew westward of Cambrai to the loss of the canal position.

At the Marquion we withdrew behind the Oise-Aisne canal between Anizy-le-Chateau and Bourg.

The French captured Sommeys.

We withdrew in Aragonne as far as Rezon, south-eastward of Binaville and south-westward of Armentier.

The Americans pressed us back as far as Caudet wood and Cays.

## GOVERNOR OF METZ REMOVED.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

A telegram from The Hague states that General Owen, Governor of Metz since 1917, has been removed from his post, receiving the Order of Merit.

## THE BALKANS.

## ITALIANS OVERCOME OBSTINATE DEFENCE.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

An Italian official message from Macedonia states:—

We have overcome an obstinate defence, advanced across the rugged massif of Mt. Baba and broken the strong resistance of the enemy rear guards in the region westward of Krusovo. We have continued our forward march astride the Krusevo road and occupied Prileh and Kocista.

## THE SERBIAN CAMPAIGN.

## ENEMY ADMITS RETIREMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 29.

A message from Moscow states that a Russian communiqué, dated Sept. 25, admits that the fighting on the Northern front is unfavourable to the Soviet forces who are retiring at various points.

Strong forces of Czechoslovaks on the Eastern front are advancing on Alajevsk from two sides.

## PARADES.

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5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 3 and 9. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 3rd Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 4th Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon under Q.M.S. White and Staff Sgt. Barclay, R.E.

Details of Belchers Reliefs for October, and detail of duties at Lyneum from 1st to 16th October inclusive are posted at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

## ORDERS FOR INFANTRY BATTALION BY MAJOR H. A. MORGAN.

## "E" COMPANY.

PARADES.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 3 and 9. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 3rd Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 4th Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon under Q.M.S. White and Staff Sgt. Barclay, R.E.

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## ORDERS FOR INFANTRY BATTALION BY MAJOR H. A. MORGAN.

## "F" COMPANY.

PARADES.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 2, Practices 3 and 9. Dress, drill order with pouches.

THURSDAY, 3rd Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19. Dress, drill order with pouches.

FRIDAY, 4th Oct.—

5.15 p.m.—No. 3 Platoon under Q.M.S. White and Staff Sgt. Barclay, R.E.

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## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

## ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

All ranks are reminded that changes of address or telephone numbers must be notified to the Adjutant immediately they occur.

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

Medical certificates must be sent to the Officer Commanding the unit concerned immediately after receipt.

## REQUISITE BOARD.

The Board will sit at Headquarters from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the following dates:

FRIDAY, October 11th.—

MONDAY, October 12th.—

THURSDAY, October 18th.—

## ORDERS FOR ARTILLERY COMPANY BY CAPT. J. H. W. ARMSTRONG, V.D.

PARADE AT BELCHERS BATTALION.

THURSDAY, 3rd Oct.—

5.30 p.m.—Left Half Coy. New D.R.Y. Class only.

FRIDAY, 4th Oct.—

7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy. Full drill.

5.30 p.m.—Left Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

## ORDERS FOR ENGINEER COMPANY BY CAPTAIN F. W. BAILEY.

PARADE AT BELCHERS BATTALION.

THURSDAY, 3rd Oct.—

5.30 p.m.—Left Half Coy. New Layers' Class only.

## ORDERS FOR MEDICAL COMPANY BY CAPTAIN F. W. BAILEY.

PARADE AT BELCHERS BATTALION.

THURSDAY, 3rd Oct.—